Paramedic

**Job Description:** Paramedics respond in emergency situations to assess injuries, administer medical care, and transport injured or sick persons to medical facilities.

**What does a Paramedic do?**

* Administer first-aid treatment and life-support care to sick or injured persons in prehospital settings.
* Perform emergency diagnostic and treatment procedures, such as airway management or heart monitoring, during ambulance ride.
* Observe, record, and report to physician the patient’s condition or injury, the treatment provided, and reactions to drugs and treatment.
* Immobilize patient for placement on stretcher and ambulance transport, using backboard or other device.
* Assess nature and extent of illness or injury to establish and prioritize medical procedures.
* Drive mobile intensive care unit to specified location, following instructions from emergency medical dispatchers.

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $14.60 hourly, $30,360 annual

Projected Job Openings – 62,000 over the next 10 years.

**Your Interests:**

* Do you work well under pressure.
* Do you communicate well with others?
* Do you like to work with a team?
* Do you like to help people?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* A high school diploma is required to enter a formal emergency medical technician training program.